

Absentee Voting



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MAY 24, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS)

Dear Absentee Voter:

On behalf of our Absentee Election Office, we want to thank you for taking the time to make your vote count in this upcoming election. Pursuant to Title 17-11-3, Code of Alabama, **Applications** for absentee ballots that are MAILED TO THE ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER must be received not less than SEVEN (7) days prior to the Election **(Tuesday, May 17, 2022)**. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot (IN PERSON) for the May 24, 2022 Primary Election is **Thursday, May 19, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.**

Emergency applications for absentee ballots are available, if the qualified voter requires emergency medical treatment by a licensed physician within five (5) DAYS before an election, the application must be signed by the physician, the deadline to return the emergency medical application to the Absentee Election Manager is **(Monday, May 23, 2022)**, and can be delivered by the voter's designee. **A Medical Emergency ballot must be returned to the AEM no later than noon on Election Day** by the voters Designee. The qualified voter may apply and vote for an Emergency business ballot at the Absentee Election Manager's Office no later than the close of the business day (1) day prior to the election **(Monday, May 23, 2022)**. The voter shall sign or swear to an affidavit acknowledging the he or she was not aware of the business emergency FIVE (5) days prior to an election.

Permanent Disability Application for Absentee Voting - a qualified voter that has a permanent disability preventing his/her attendance at the polls may vote by absentee and have a ballot automatically mailed to the voter before each election in the calendar year in which the application is submitted pursuant to Title 17-11-3.1. The Permanent Disability Absentee application shall be signed and notarized by the voter's primary physician. Applications returned by mail must be received not less than SEVEN (7) DAYS prior to an election, **(Tuesday, May 17, 2022)**. Applications returned by hand must be received not less than FIVE (5) DAYS prior to the election **(Thursday, May 19, 2022)**.

If the voter will also be voting absentee for the upcoming **Run Off Election (June 21, 2022)**, you are permitted to mark (2) boxes on the application for the Primary and Run Off Elections.

If you have experienced a recent name or address change and have not updated your voter information with the Board of Registrar's office, please update your voter information before mailing your application to request an Absentee Ballot. If you do not know your voting precinct, you may contact the

Board of Registrar's office at (256) 549-5384 for assistance. **The last day to register or update your voter registration with the Board of Registrar's is Monday, May 9, 2022.**

Upon completing and signing your application, please attach **a copy of a valid photo ID or Voter ID, only the voter may hand deliver his/her application** to the Absentee Election Manager or forward the application by U.S. mail, by hand delivery, or by commercial carrier to the Absentee Election Office. **No one is permitted to hand deliver an application for another voter** (the only exception is for a Medical Emergency). **The Absentee Election Manager is only permitted to accept one application per envelope that is received by U.S. mail or commercial carrier.** Your application must include the **Alabama residence address where the voter is registered to vote, (even if the ballot is to be mailed to another address).**

When you receive your Absentee ballot by U.S. mail, it is very important that you follow the instructions carefully and return your Absentee ballot to the Absentee Election Manager as soon as possible. No one is permitted to receive or return an Absentee Ballot for any other voter **unless you are NAMED as the voter's designee in the voter's application for a Medical Emergency ballot.**

The deadline to hand-deliver your ballot to the Absentee Election Manager is Monday, May 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Ballots that are sent by U.S. mail or commercial carrier must be **received by the Absentee Election Manager by no later than NOON on Election Day.**

Please print and mail your application or Absentee ballot to the following address:

**Cassandra Johnson, Absentee Election Manager/Circuit Clerk
Absentee Elections
801 Forrest Avenue - Suite 202
Gadsden, AL 35901
Phone: (256) 549-5355**

*Absentee Election Office - **Open Monday thru Friday (except holidays)**
8:00 am – 5:00 pm (open during lunch)*

Note: For additional voter information on absentee voting, registering to vote online or updating your voter information, you may visit the Secretary of State, Elections Division website at www.alabamavotes.gov. You may also visit the Etowah County Circuit Clerk website at <http://etowah.alacourt.gov>. Applications for Absentee ballots are available at either website.

/s/ Cassandra Johnson – Etowah County
Circuit Clerk/Absentee Election Manager